

Commission on Aging

Minutes of September 25, 2012

Location: William Costick Center, Farmington Hills

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne Atkinson, Mary Buchan, Lew Cantor, Jane Frost, Kevin Hammer, Josephine Hobson, Susan Lightner, Marsha Koet, Marian Schulte, Winson Wang and Norene Yuskowatz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carl Christoph, Mary Anita McHugh, Roland Walt

GUEST: Ellen Schnackel, Director of Special Services

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Hammer at 5:37. Minutes of the June 26, 2012 meeting were approved as corrected. The agenda for the September 25, 2012 meeting was approved.

Senior Liaison Report: Marsha Koet

- Ellen Schnackel, newly appointed Director of Special Services, was introduced.
- Members of the COA were given a test on Food Safety. The tests were corrected and discussed.
- A chart on monthly attendance totals for Senior Division programs was distributed and discussed.
- Recent programs: Law Day (85 present), Healthy Fair (210 lunches served, approx. 400 present)
- Upcoming programs: Candidates' Night at Farmington Hills City Hall (Oct 2), Fullness of Life (Oct 3)Flu shots (Oct.23) Stars and Stripes (Nov.9), Memory Screening (Nov.13)
- There is a need for additional Meals on Wheels Drivers

Committee Reports

Community for a Lifetime: Winson Wang clarified support for a Farmington City bench and Farmington Hills signage which would promote COA's recognition as a Community for a Lifetime award winner

Consumer Protection: Lew Cantor will contact DTE as a resource for community education.

Issues/Advisory: topics of interest include nursing homes, elder abuse and security for seniors

Liaison Reports

EPC: Norene Yuskowatz announced the following being promoted by the EPC: Women's Self Defense- 9AM-Costick Center (Sept 29), Kensington Walk for Suicide Prevention (Sept 30), Pet Preparedness (Oct), a six week EPC program which meets Thurs. at 6:30 at the Costick Center (in progress)

Council of Homeowners: Norene Yuskowatz: Funding for the Neighborhood Watch program has been restored.

Susan Lightner volunteered to serve as the liaison with the newly formed health initiative.

New Business:

In accord with COA's aim to increase awareness of the senior programs, members are asked to supply e-mail lists and take advantage of opportunities to talk about these programs at meetings, church groups, etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09. Next meeting is Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at the Costick Center.

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